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SUBJ: CONVERSATION BETWEEN UK FOREIGN SECRETARY
CALLAGHAN AND FOREIGN MINISTER THORN

REF: LONDON 4086

1. ON APRIL 2 MFA SECRETARY GENERAL WURTH BRIEFED
DCM ABOUT APRIL 1 LUNCHEON CONVERSATION BETWEEN UK
FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN AND FOREIGN MINISTER
THORN CONCERNING STATEMENT (REFTEL) CALLAGHAN MADE
TO EC COUNCIL. CALLAGHAN ASKED THORN TO UNDERSTAND
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THAT HIS STATEMENT WAS DRAWN DIRECTLY FROM THE LABOUR

PARTY PLATFORM AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S ELECTORAL CREDIBILITY MADE IT IMPERATIVE FOR CERTAIN UNPLEASANT THINGS TO BE SAID. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE LABOUR PARTY HAD IN THE RECENT PAST LOST AN ELECTION WHEN IT FAILED TO FULFILL ITS ELECTION PROMISES. WITH NEW ELECTIONS LIKELY SOON, CALLAGHAN EXPLAINED THAT WILSON DID NOT WANT TO AGAIN BE CRITICIZED FOR FAILING TO CARRY OUT ELECTION PLEDGES. CALLAGHAN EXPLAINED THAT THE LACK OF A COALITION IN THE UK MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR A GOVERNMENT PARTY TO HIDE BEHIND A COALITION PARTNER IN TRYING TO AVOID ITS ELECTION PROMISES.

2. WHILE THORN FOUND CALLAGHAN VERY PERSONABLE AND MODERATE, HE MADE CLEAR THAT THE GOL WOULD OPPOSE ANY RENEGOTIATION OF UK MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC. AS THORN SAID PUBLICLY IN THE APRIL 1 EC COUNCIL MEETING, THE GOL DISAGREED WITH THE UK'S "LACK OF VISION" AND MERCANTILISTIC APPROACH TO THE EC. THORN ALSO TOLD CALLAGHAN THAT THE UK WOULD BE "TOTALLY ISOLATED" IF HMG TRIED TO IMPROVE ITS ELECTORAL POSITION BY ARGUING FOR RENEGOTIATION OF THE CONDITIONS OF UK MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC. FARKAS

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